

BIG CONFLAGRATION

CATALOGUE BOOK OF THE MONTH

OF ELLIOTTSVILLE, OHIO, DESTROYED—The Insurance on the Establishment—Dullness in Trade in Mountaineering.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

STUBENVILLE, Dec. 15.—The large Calumet Fire Clay Company's Works, at Elliottsville, this county, were totally destroyed by fire yesterday. The fire was

discovered soon after the watchman had gone through the building, in a place where no fire had been for twenty-four hours. Though the water supply was

within reach, no one could enter the works to make the attachment. The wind was blowing high, and no human effort could stay the destruction. The loss is placed at \$100,000, and is insured for \$10,000, as follows: Insurance Company,

in Philadelphia, \$2,500; Germania, New York, \$2,500; Providence and Washington, Rhode Island, \$3,000; Royal, of Liverpool, \$12,500; Hibernia, of New Orleans, \$2,000; Pennsylvania, of Philadelphia, \$2,500; Pennsylvania, of Pittsburgh, \$1,000.

The works were constructed in 1870, and incorporated in 1878, and are the largest of the kind in this country. Its owners are Frank Potts, Edward M. L.

The works contained 97,000 feet of floor room, four steam pipe presses, fire pan grinding and tempering mills, and embraced 153 acres of surface land and 22 acres of mineral land. In the works there were two fire brick kilns, two large rooms of

The output for two years averaged \$180,000. The company has two agencies, one at East Liberty and one at Cincinnati.

their pay roll was \$6,000 per month, and 15 men are thrown out of work. As soon as the insurance is paid, rebuilding will be resumed.

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MOUNDVILLE MATTERS.

Full Business—Prison Notes—The Gas Well.
Boy Missing, etc.

A little son of Mr. Grindstaff's, of Western avenue, was buried at Mount Rose cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Dud Yoho, formerly of this county, who has been living in Kansas for some time, is visiting relatives in Franklin district.

Charley, the fifteen-year-old son of Mr. Jendershott, of the first ward, left home

about the first of October last, since which time he has not been heard from.

—Mr. C. E. Jackson has the frame of his grain warehouse and feed mill, near the C. & O. depot, up, and the boiler and part of the machinery are on the ground.

Sheriff Flicks reports the collection of taxes much slower this winter and fall than last, with several much of the

L. B. Purdy, of the Monard City flour mill, recently remarked:

Owing to the breaking of bits and numerous other drawbacks, the work of sinking the gas well has progressed very slowly for some time past. Mr. Osborn expects, however, to reach the contract

The remains of Captain John W. Lowe, who died Thursday night last, after a long illness, were buried Sunday afternoon, at the local lodge K. of H., of which he was a member, taking charge of the body and conducting the interment. The citizens are evidence of the high esteem in which the deceased was held by turning out in

BUSINESS OF TRADE.

With the exception of those merchants who deal in grain, business is most distressingly dull here. The bent wood works, planing mill and grain cradle factory are running steadily, but as these establishments employ no hands scarcely except the proprietors and their own families, there is really nothing here to put any considerable amount of money in circulation. The Mountville

live employment to about 15 men, but owing either to the want of demand for coal, or shipping facilities, but little mining has been done for the last two weeks. The truth of the matter is, that the number of people here who depend upon making a living by selling foodstuffs, groceries, and other light work, is out of all proportion to the number engaged in manufacturing or actual manual labor, or in other words, the village has a ruinously large surplus of so-called "business men."

PRISON NOTES.

Col. Robert Blair, of Ritchie county, was in town a few days ago in consultation

John Maley, who is serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for poisoning his wife. The Colonel is endeavoring to secure a pardon for Maley.

Mercer county appears to be determined to make amends for the past neglect of duty in the way of sending her quota of convicts to the State institution here. A private letter received from there says six or seven persons have been convicted of felonies during the present term of the Circuit Court for that county, and as many

Charles Nichols, from Cabell county, concluded a four years' term at the State prison Friday last. J. W. Sansom and Olney Watts, from Logan county, were released from that institution last Saturday, reducing the number of inmates to 33.

Considerable trouble has been experienced from land slides on the Ohio River load at the narrows below town, since the wet weather set in, but the repairs have been able, so far, to keep the track clear and permit the regular running of trains.

Mr. Weis, at present Baltimore & Ohio District Agent at Beltsville, Md.,

As was anticipated, the Baltimore & Ohio company will resist the crossing of their track, at grade, by the branch road to connect the Mountsville Coal Works with the Ohio River road. The Baltimore & Ohio people have had a survey made out a different route from that proposed by the projectors of the connecting roads, and propose to demonstrate the practicality of reaching the Ohio River road at a point near the lower end of Gravel Bottom by passing under the Baltimore & Ohio track. Meanwhile nothing is being done towards